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MINUTES

The Committee appointed by the International Missionary Council at its meeting at Oxford met on January 11th-15th, 1925, in the Hotel Haddon Hall, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, U. S. A.

The first session was on Sunday, January 11th, 1925, from 3.30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

1. **Opening of the Meeting.** The Chairman of the Committee, Dr. John R. Mott, opened the meeting with the reading of Scripture (2 Peter 3:13, 14), and then referred briefly to the importance of the subjects that would be considered by the Committee. At his request, the Committee was led in prayer by Dr. Forgan.

2. **Members Present.** Dr. John R. Mott, Chairman; Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Ph. D.; M. le pasteur Daniel Couve; the Rev. R. Forgan, D.D.; the Rev. James H. Franklin, D.D.; Kenneth Maclennan, Esq., Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., LL.D.; Hon. Newton W. Rowell, LL.D., K.C.; and the Secretaries, J. H. Oldham, Esq., and the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis.

Baron C. W. Th. van Boetzelaer van Dubbledam, Missionsinspektor M. Schlunk, D. Theol, Dr. Robert Speer, Mr. James M. Speers and Mr. Fennell P. Turner were delayed, but were present at later sessions of the meeting.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins, Dr. H. Lankester, the Bishop of Salisbury, and Professor F. Torm, D.D., were unable to be present and sent their apologies for absence.

The Rev. G. T. Saywell and the Rev. Jakob E. Lundahl were present by invitation of the officers and with the approval of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Swedish Missionary Council. The Committee voted to elect Mr. Saywell and Mr. Lundahl as members of the Committee in the places of Dr. Lankester and Professor Torm.

3. **Program.** The Committee accepted a tentative agenda prepared by the officers.

4. **International Missionary Co-operation.** The secretaries had prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting two papers presenting some of the fundamental questions related to the policy of the International Missionary Council with a view to the more effective realization of its purposes. These papers were read to the Committee by the secretaries, and the remainder of the session was given to a discussion of them.

Second Session, January 11th, 8—10 p. m.

The session was opened with prayer, led by Mr. Saywell. In the course of the evening Dr. Schlunk arrived and was heartily welcomed.

The Committee continued the discussion of the question introduced in the preceding session regarding the development of international missionary co-operation.

The session was closed with prayer led by Dr. Schlunk and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Chamberlain.

Third Session, January 12th, 9.30 a. m.—12.45 p. m.

The session was opened by a devotional period led by the Chairman, and with prayer led by Dr. North.

The Committee continued the discussion of the questions introduced on the preceding day with reference to the development of international missionary co-operation. The Committee fully recognized the importance of the strengthening of the organization and the secretarial staff of the national missionary councils or conferences, which was urged by several members in order that the national bodies may more actively share in the work of the International Missionary Council and the co-operative thinking and undertakings of the missionary forces in other countries. By a unanimous vote, the Committee reaffirmed the necessity for some kind of international missionary organization for the full expression of international missionary co-operation.

It was further agreed to draft a statement summarizing the discussion of this subject, to be adopted at a later session. (See Minutes No. 29-32).

5. **Future Work of the Council.** The Committee began the consideration of the future work of the Council by reviewing some of the work that it has done in the last year or two. Mr. Oldham reported first on the work done with reference to the questions concerning education in Africa.

Fourth Session, January 12th, 2—4 p. m.

The session was opened with prayer.

Dr. Speer arrived in time for the beginning of this session, and Baron van Boetzelaer arrived in the midst of it. Mr. Rowell was compelled to leave shortly before the end of this session.

The Committee continued the consideration of the work of the Council. Mr. Warnshuis reported with reference to the work that had been done in carrying out the instructions of the Oxford Meeting of

the Council regarding the Limitation of the Opium Traffic (Oxford No. 53), and referring also to the Opium Conference at Geneva, which he had attended as an officer of the Council. He also reported on enquiries that were being made, regarding labor conditions in some African colonies, and explained the relations that had been established with the organizations of the League of Nations concerned with these matters. Further, he made a statement to the Committee explaining proposals that had been made regarding a study of the Organization and Financing of Union Missionary Institutions.

The members of the Committee continued the discussion, calling attention to a number of lines of work in which the Council might give assistance.

As the discussion continued, the secretaries reported the progress made in fulfilling the instructions of the Oxford meeting of the Council regarding the following matters (the numbers referring to the Oxford Minutes).

The Place of Women in the Churches in the Mission Fields —(30, 39).
Missionary Training Schools in the Mission Fields (38).
German Missions (31).
Conferences in the Near East and North Africa (28, 32, 34).
Religious Education in the Mission Field (37).
Christian Literature (43).

Fifth Session, January 12th, 8—9.45 p. m.

The session was opened with prayer led by Dr. Speer.

6. **Guiding Principles Regarding Work of the Council.** In continuing the discussion of the work of the Council, the Committee centered its attention upon the principles that should be adopted in choosing the tasks out of the long list that had been suggested to which the Council should give priority in view of the limited forces at its disposal. The following are some of the principles that were suggested: these were not voted upon, but they were noted, and they were before the members of the Committee in later discussions of the work to be undertaken by the Council.

1. The Council should concentrate on tasks which cannot be done at all, or as well, by national agencies or by individuals.

2. The Council should concern itself with those tasks which are of immediate concern to the Missionary Boards.

3. The relative urgency of the problems should be considered in determining which tasks should have priority of attention.

4. Such tasks should be undertaken as will strengthen the national organizations.

5. The Council should select undertakings, the accomplishment of which will promote unity and fellowship.

6. In considering the limitations of the Council's resources, it should be remembered that there are different ways of working and different groups of workers. Some projects can best be accomplished by the Secretaries; others by members of the Council; still others by two or more national organizations, the work of which would be properly correlated.

7. The Council should undertake no more than it can do well, and therefore it should weigh its forces against the tasks. Before launching an undertaking it should count the cost, and consider whether it can finish the work.

8. At the same time it should remember that there are some imperatives; that is, there are some things which the Council must attempt to do at all costs.

The session was closed with prayer, led by Dr. Forgan.

Sixth Session, January 13th, 9.30 a. m.—12.45 p. m.

The session was opened by a devotional period led by the Chairman, and with prayer led by Pastor Couve and Mr. Oldham.

7. **Call to Dr. Mott.** The Committee continued its discussion of the future work of the Council by considering the available forces at its disposal, and in particular the question of endeavoring to secure the full time of Dr. Mott in the service of the Council. During this discussion Dr. Mott withdrew, and Mr. Oldham took the chair. The Committee reached a unanimous conclusion which is included in the statement adopted in Minute No. 32.

Seventh Session, January 13th, 4.30—6.30 p. m.

The Committee united in a period of intercession under the leadership of Mr. Saywell at the beginning of the session.

The Committee then continued the discussion of the morning session, and presented to Dr. Mott the resolution then adopted. The resolution was supported by brief statements by Pastor Couve, Dr. North, Dr. Schlunk, Dr. Forgan, Baron van Boetzelaer, Mr. Lundahl, Dr. Speer and Mr. Oldham. Dr. Mott responded by promising to give his answer at a later session. (See Minute No. 32.)

8. **The Work and Organization of the Council.** The Committee resumed the discussion of the future work of the Council, referring to additional tasks that might be undertaken under its auspices, and emphasizing the necessity for a strong forward movement by the Christian forces in view of the present world situation.

In this connection and as a means of bringing a clearer knowledge of this world situation to the Christian Church at large and of calling the Church to undertake larger responsibilities and a more fruitful missionary service, the Committee discussed plans for the next meetings of the Committee of the Council and of the Council itself. This discussion is summarized in the statement adopted at a later session. (See Minute No. 30).

Eighth Session, January 13th, 8.00—9.40 p. m.

The session was opened with prayer led by Baron van Boetzelaer.

Mr. F. P. Turner arrived and took his seat in the Committee at the beginning of the session. Mr. Speers also arrived and took his seat in the course of the evening's session.

9. **The Work of the Officers.** The Committee reviewed the list of tasks that had been suggested at the previous sessions as the work which might well be undertaken by the Council at this time. The Committee also endeavored to determine the relative priority of these various tasks.

Mr. Oldham explained the work already in his hands, and it was generally agreed that he should be responsible for the following:

Education in Africa (which at various points touched closely questions of racial relations, religious liberty, and native leadership).

Religious Education in the Mission Fields.

German Missions.

Joint Editor of the International Review of Missions.

Theological Education in India, especially in connection with the Serampore Council.

Visits to some of the countries on the European Continent.

Routine work in the London Office.

Mr. Warnshuis then referred to the work to which he was already committed, and it was generally agreed that he should continue with the following tasks:

The Limitation of the Opium Traffic, endeavoring to correlate the work done by the various national councils.

The Enquiry regarding Missionary Training Schools in the Field.

The Enquiry Regarding the Place of Women in the Churches on the Mission Field. (With the assistance of Miss Gibson).

A Study of the Organization and Financing of Missionary Colleges and Especially of Union Missionary Institutions.

Missionary Work in Portuguese Africa.

Educational Problems in China.

Christian Literature, with special reference to the correlation of the national organizations in Europe and America in advancing plans for the development of Christian literature in Africa and in China.

Routine work in the office in New York.

10. **Christian Council for Western Asia and Northern Africa.** The Chairman reminded the Committee of the proposals of the Conference in Jerusalem relative to the organization of a Christian Council and also of a Literature Bureau, and urged the importance of giving assistance in realizing these plans, especially by lending the services of one of the Council's secretaries for a period of some months. He explained that the Preliminary Committees of both those projects, meeting in Cairo in October, 1924, had expressed an earnest desire that Mr. Warnshuis be permitted to render this service. This proposal was discussed at some length but without reaching any conclusion. (See Minute No. 18).

11. **The Missionary Situation in China.** Reference was made by several members of the Committee to the present missionary situation in China and the difficulties arising from extreme nationalistic tendencies and resulting in opposition in many places to education under the control of foreigners.

It was agreed to ask the Chairman with Mr. Warnshuis to give attention to these questions.

12. **Student Migrations.** Reference was made to the influence of Oriental and African students returning to their home lands after residence in universities in Europe and America, and the urgent necessity of assisting them to right relationships with the Christian Churches, both in these western lands and after they return home. The subject was referred for fuller discussion at a later session. (See Minute No. 23.)

13. **The Eastern Churches.** Dr. Speer spoke of the problem of right relationships to the Eastern Churches, referring especially to the critical circumstances of the remnant of the Assyrian Church in the vicinity of Mosul. It was agreed to ask Mr. Maclennan with Dr. Speer and Dr. Chamberlain, to give attention to this subject.

14. **Finance Committee.** It was agreed to appoint Mr. Maclennan, Mr. Speers, Baron van Boetzelaer and Dr. Franklin as a Finance Committee to report on the accounts of the International Missionary Council and the International Review of Missions and to prepare a financial budget.

Ninth Session, January 14th, 9.30 a. m.—12.55 p. m.

The session was opened with a devotional period led by the Chairman, and with prayers, led by Dr. Chamberlain.

In the middle of the morning the Committee united in a service of intercession led by Dr. Speer.

15. **Council Meetings.** The Committee resumed the discussion of plans for future meetings of the Committee and of the Council. After thorough discussion it was unanimously agreed to plan for an enlarged meeting of the Council in 1927. The preparation of a statement summarizing this discussion was referred to a Drafting Committee composed of Dr. Speer, Dr. North, Dr. Forgan, Pastor Couve and the officers.

Several proposals were made with reference to the Committee of the Council, but after discussion it was agreed not to recommend any changes in its constitution at this time. It was, however, agreed that it would be very desirable to have representatives of the oriental, African, or other indigenous Churches at the next meeting of the Committee, and therefore the officers were authorized to invite not more than four such representatives to serve as consultative members at the next meeting.

16. **Conferences on Special Subjects.** The advantages and disadvantages of international conferences, specially called to consider a definite subject, and composed of those with responsibilities directly related to that subject, were discussed, and the question was referred to the Drafting Committee for report. (See Minute No. 31).

17. **International Review of Missions.** Mr. Oldham reported for the editors of the Review, and presented the report of the Advisory Business Committee. The latter report was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendations.

18. **Christian Council for Western Asia and Northern Africa.** The Chairman presented printed statements prepared by the Preliminary Committees of this Council and of the Literature Bureau. He also read extracts from letters referring to the invitation to Mr. Warnshuis. The Committee continued its discussion of these proposals.

Tenth Session, January 14th, 4.30—6.30 p. m.

The session was opened with prayer.

The Committee resumed the discussion interrupted by the adjournment of the morning session. After a statement by Mr. Warnshuis and further discussion, it was agreed that the work of the Council already committed to him should have a prior claim upon his services, and that efforts should be made to discover some other person who

might be able to give the assistance needed by the Preliminary Committees of the proposed Council and Literature Bureau.

19. **Bureau of African Languages and Literature.** Mr. Oldham presented a minute adopted on December 5th, 1924, by the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, transmitting to the Council the following resolution adopted by a meeting of representatives of societies working in Africa which had been held in London to consider the possibility of forming a Bureau of African Languages and Literature in London.

"This meeting is of opinion that the problems arising from the multiplicity of African Languages demand the attention of the Missionary Societies working there.

"We desire, in view of the many interests involved in the situation to suggest consideration of the formation of an African Language and Literature Bureau—efficiently staffed and with an office in London—in which Governments, Missionary Societies, Scientific Societies, Literature Societies, Chambers of Commerce and others might co-operate.

"We commend the matter to the attention of the Societies and suggest that the secretaries consult with the Mission Houses as to the possibility of financial support for such proposals.

"And we request that this resolution be communicated to the officers of the International Missionary Council with a view to raising the matter with the American and Continental Societies working in Africa."

It was agreed to receive this resolution with sympathy and interest and to authorize the officers to explore the possibilities of organizing such a bureau and to confer with the Mission Boards concerned and with other interested bodies.

20. **Teaching the Gospel of Goodwill.** Mrs. Nicholson presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as the Christian Church is commissioned to proclaim the gospel of good will to all the nations, this Committee is convinced that the missionary agencies of the Church have a unique responsibility to provide through their educational channels a literature which will inculcate upon the young of all the nations of the world the ideal of human brotherhood as a necessary corollary to the fundamental Christian doctrine of the Fatherhood of God.

The Committee have heard with satisfaction that two National Councils have already taken steps in this direction and asks the Secretaries to report the same to other Councils and to keep in touch with further progress.

21. **Mission Colleges and Union Institutions.** Mr. Warnshuis referred to the preliminary steps taken with the purpose of studying the organization, administration, control, and relationships of Christian Colleges, and especially union institutions, in Mission lands. He read a letter from the Institute of Social and Religious Research, promising financial assistance in making such a study. He mentioned the possibility of securing the assistance of a missionary on furlough. The Committee agreed to authorize the officers to proceed with this study,

conferring with the national missionary organizations as may be necessary.

22. **Universal Day of Prayer.** Mr. Oldham reported on the work done in carrying out the plans authorized by the Oxford Meeting (See Minutes 54, 65) for the observation of a Universal Day of Prayer for Missions. There was a general desire expressed by members of the Committee that the effort to secure the general observance of a day of prayer should not be abandoned. In view of the difficulties which had been experienced in finding any day suitable for all countries, it was recognized that all that could be done at present was to inform the national missionary organizations of what had been done last year in the different countries, with a view to further consideration of the subject by the Committee at its next meeting. A suggestion was made that the Council might issue a Year Book of Prayer. This suggestion was referred to the Secretaries for consideration.

23. **Student Migrations.** The Committee resumed the discussion of the subject of the migrations of students from abroad. Reference was made to the work already being done for these students by the World's Student Christian Federation. It was agreed to refer the subject to the officers and Dr. North for further consideration.

24. **The Indigenous Churches Abroad.** Dr. Speer, Dr. Forgan, Dr. North and other members of the Committee referred to the attention given by the Council to the subject of the Indigenous Churches in the Mission Fields (See Mohonk Minutes, No. 48, and Oxford Minutes, No. 18, 49), and expressed the desire for the continuance of that work. The importance of encouraging the churches to assume the responsibilities laid on them by God was emphasized. It was agreed to ask Dr. North, with the assistance of the officers, to collect and prepare a statement of the experience of missionary boards and of the churches in dealing with this matter.

Eleventh Session, January 14th, 8—9.35 p. m.

The session was opened with prayer led by Mr. Speers. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Oldham presided during the first part of the session.

25. **Call to Dr. Mott.** Dr. Mott made a statement in reply to the action of the Committee (See Minutes No. 7 and 32).

After further discussion it was agreed to take no further action at this time.

26. **Financial Reports.** The financial reports of the International Missionary Council and of the International Review of Missions for 1923 and 1924 were presented as follows:

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 1923

Income

I. Funds as at 31st December 1922—						
General Funds	£2,185	5	6			
German Mission Fund	100	0	0			
				£2,285	5	6
II. Contributions to the Budget for the year ending 31st Dec. 1923—						
North America	£2,276	10	0			
Great Britain	1,412	0	1			
Swedish Missionary Council	175	4	8			
Norsk Missionsraad	103	0	0			
Commissie van Advies	55	0	0			
Dansk Missionsraad	53	0	0			
Die Evangelische Missionsgesellschaft in Basel	18	0	0			
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris	15	0	0			
National Missionary Council of Finland	11	0	0			
Mission Suisse Romande	10	0	0			
Swiss Kanarese Missionary Society	6	0	0			
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsbund	1	0	0			
				£4,135	14	9
III. Donations received for disbursement by the Secretary	£100	0	0			
Less transmitted to National Missionary Council of India	100	0	0			
IV. Interest on Deposit Accounts				24	5	4
V. Sales of Canterbury Minutes				45	1	3
				£6,490	6	10

Expenditure

I. Administration Expenses—						
Salaries	£1,692	10	0			
Stenographers	552	14	0			
Rent of Offices, Cleaning, Caretaking, Lighting, and Heating	829	1	0			
Shares of Expense of Business Office	130	0	0			
Stationery, Postages, Telephone, and Miscellaneous	309	11	4			
				£3,513	16	4
II. Travelling Expenses— Secretaries				330	13	11
III. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New York				300	0	0
IV. Meeting of the Council at Oxford, July 1923—						
Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses	£52	14	11½			
Printing Minutes, Reports, and Members' Papers	281	5	3			
	£334	0	2½			
Less—						
Donation towards Printing and Committee Expenses	£217	0	9			
Sales of Minutes and Reports	73	6	2			
	290	6	11			
				43	13	3½
V. Council Bulletin— Expenses of Publication, *less* Sales				28	18	5
VI. Furniture and Furnishings				30	19	5
VII. Grant in aid of "The International Review of Missions"				393	13	2
VIII. Funds as at 31st Dec. 1923—						
General Funds	£1,748	12	3½			
German Missions Fund	100	0	0			
				1,848	12	3½
				£6,490	6	10

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1923

Liabilities			Assets		
I. Balance of Funds as per Income Expenditure Account—			I. Cash and Bank Balances—		
General Funds	£1,748 12 3½		Deposit Account	£1,250 0 0	
German Missions Fund	100 0 0		Current Account	230 15 4	
	£1,848 12 3½		Cash on Hand	116 11 1½	
				£1,597 6 5½	
			II. Sundry Debtors—		
			International Review of Missions	£149 17 6	
			Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland	88 1 4	
			Miscellaneous Debtors	13 7 0	
				251 5 10	
	£1,848 12 3½			£1,848 12 3½	

LONDON, 17*th March* 1924.—We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 1924

Income

I. Funds as at 31st December 1923—						
General Funds	£1,748	12	3½			
German Missions Fund	100	0	0			
				£1,848	12	3½
II. Contributions to the Budget for the year ending 31st Dec. 1924—						
North America	£1,998	5	0			
Great Britain	1,317	0	0			
Swedish Missionary Council	161	0	0			
Norsk Missionsraad	77	0	0			
Commissie van Advies	54	0	0			
Dansk Missionsraad	52	0	0			
Die Evangelische Missionsgesellschaft in Basel	16	15	0			
Societe des Missions Evangeliques de Paris	15	0	0			
National Missionary Council of Finland	13	0	0			
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsbund	10	0	0			
Mission Suisse Romande	9	5	0			
Presbyterian Church of New-Zealand	6	5	0			
Swiss Kanarese Missionary Society	6	0	0			
Missions Protestantes de Congo Belge		17	6			
				3,736	7	6
III. Contributions applicable to the Budget for the year ending 31st December 1923—						
North America	£1,716	10	0			
Missions Protestantes de Congo Belge		1	0			
				1,717	10	0

Expenditure

I. Administration Expenses—						
Salaries	£1,620	0	0			
Stenographers	377	0	5			
Business Office	146	6	0			
Rent of Offices, Cleaning, Caretaking, Lighting, and Heating	725	16	7			
Stationery, Postages, Telephone, and Miscellaneous	269	10	5½			
New York Office:						
Stenographer	246	11	2			
Stationery, Postages, and Miscellaneous	57	1	2			
				£3,442	5	9½
II. Travelling Expenses						
Secretaries	£673	18	1			
Members of Committee	377	8	7			
				1,051	6	8
III. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New York				300	0	0
IV. Council Bulletin—						
Expenses of Publication *less* Sales				52	8	8
V. Furniture and Furnishings				34	17	6
VI. Grant in aid of "The International Review of Missions"				557	8	11
VII. German Missions Fund—						
Travelling Expenses of German Delegates to sundry conferences				100	0	0

IV. Donations received for Disbursement by the Secretary			£277 10 0		
Less: Transmitted to National Christian Council of India . .	£227 10 0				
Conference on African Missions . .	25 0 0				
Appropriated for African Missions Fund .	25 0 0				
			277 10 0		
V. Conference on African Missions—Delegates' fees, sales of Report, etc.			£200 18 7		
Less: Expenses of Conference	£169 17 6				
Appropriation for African Missions Fund	31 1 1				
			200 18 7		
VI. African Missions Fund—Donations received . .				56 1 1	
VII. Anti-Opium Fund Donation received . .			£10 0 0		
Transmitted to National Christian Council of China			10 0 0		
VIII. Interest on Deposit Account				35 5 2	
IX. Additional sales of Papers printed for the Oxford Meeting . . .				9 15 10	
X. "A Call to World-Wide Prayer"—Sales of Pamphlet . .			£85 12 8		
Less: Printing and publishing expenses . . .			85 12 8		
				£7,403 11 10½	

VIII. Funds as at 31st December 1924—			
General Funds . .	£1,809 3 3		
African Missions Fund .	56 1 1		
		1,865 4 4	
		£7,403 11 10½	

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1924

Funds and Liabilities				Assets			
I. Balance of Funds as per Income and Expenditure Account—				I. Cash and Bank Balances—			
General Funds	£1,809 3 3			Deposit Account	£1,000 0 0		
African Missions Fund	56 1 1			Current Account	332 4 3		
		£1,865 4 4		Cash at New York on Deposit and Current Accounts	217 18 10		
II. Sundry Creditors		68 14 11				£1,550 3 1	
				II. Sundry Debtors—			
				International Review of Missions	£198 5 8		
				Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland	52 14 8		
				German Book Fund	9 5 10		
				Miscellaneous Debtors	123 10 0		
						383 16 2	
		£1,933 19 3				£1,933 19 3	

NOTE.—After the adjournment of the meeting, the following certificate was received:

LONDON, *25th February*, 1925—We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For Year Ended 30th September, 1923

Income

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscription Sales received,		
Less—paid in advance—		
London	1,182 3 5	
New York	811 3 5	
Cash Sales	21 19 0	
		2,015 5 10
Sales from Sundry Publications		2 9 4
Proceeds of Advertisements		115 4 11
Interest on Deposit Account		1 18 11
		2,134 19 0
Loss for Year carried to Balance Sheet		393 13 2
		£2,528 12 2

Expenditure

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Advertising		47 11 7
Books and Magazines		8 2 8
Carriage and Postages on Review		216 8 0
Commission on Sales		175 9 4
Contributors' Fees		107 3 6
Editorial Travelling Expenses in U. S. A.		121 15 0
Miscellaneous		13 1 3
Miscellaneous Postages and Telephone		37 18 6
Printing of the Review		753 5 3
Rent		100 0 0
Salaries—		
Business Office	162 10 0	
Editors and Staff	559 10 0	
		722 0 0
Stationery		26 10 10
Commission on Sales to New York Office to meet sundry office expenditure		199 6 3
		£2,528 12 2

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1923

Assets

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I.	*Sundry Debtors*				160	11	5
II.	*Stock of Text and Cover Papers*				37	19	3
III.	*Fees Paid in Advance*				3	0	0
IV.	*Cash and Bank Balances*—						
	London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.:						
	Deposit Account	450	0	0			
	Current Account	119	11	9			
	Cash on Hand	3	15	6			
					573	7	3
					£774	17	11

Liabilities

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I.	*Sundry Creditors*—						
	International Missionary Council	270	16	10			
	Sundries	366	4	11			
					637	1	9
II.	*Subscriptions received in advance*				137	16	2
III.	*Capital Account*—						
	Grant in aid from the International Missionary Council	393	13	2			
	Less—Loss for Year ended 30th September, 1923	393	13	2			
					£774	17	11

London, 8th December, 1923.

We have audited the Books and Accounts of *The International Review of Missions* for the year ended 30th September, 1923, and have found them properly stated and sufficiently vouched.

The foregoing Accounts set forth correctly the transactions for the year and the position as at 30th September, 1923.

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Chartered Accountants.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For Year Ended 30th September, 1924

Income	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscription Sales received		
Less—paid in advance—		
London	1,200 5 5½	
New York	743 17 10	
Cash Sales	12 17 10½	
		1,957 1 2
Sales from Sundry Publications		2 9 1
Proceeds of Advertisements		140 3 3
Interest on Deposit Account		4 12 5
Editorial Travelling Expenses in U. S. A. refunded		121 15 0
Loss for Year carried to Balance Sheet		557 8 11
		£2,783 9 10

Expenditure	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Advertising		26 7 5
Books and Magazines		5 0 10
Carriage and Postages on Review		199 5 2
Commission on Sales		207 7 3
Contributors' Fees		124 15 11
Miscellaneous		21 5 10½
Miscellaneous Postage and Telephone		36 3 3½
Printing of the Review		726 1 7
Printing Intercession Paper less sales		25 1 0
Rent		182 8 1
Salaries—		
Business Office	178 7 0	
Editors and Staff*	843 3 4	
		1,021 10 4
Stationery		20 18 10
Commission on Sales to New York Office to meet sundry office expenditure		187 4 3
		£2,783 9 10

* This includes research work and provides also for transitional period.

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Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1924

Assets	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. *Sundry Debtors*	224 8 3	
II. *Stock of Text and Cover Papers* . .	24 5 7	
III. *Bank Balance*—		
On Current Account with the Midland Bank, Ltd.	82 11 9	
	£331 5 7	

Liabilities	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. *Sundry Creditors*—		
International Missionary Council . . .	112 14 5	
Sundries	77 14 7	
		190 9 0
II. *Subscriptions received in advance*		140 16 7
III. *Capital Account*—		
Grant in aid from the International Missionary Council . . .	557 8 11	
Less—Loss for Year ended 30th September, 1924 .	557 8 11	
		£331 5 7

London, 12th December, 1924.

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27. **Report of Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee appointed at a previous session (Minute No. 14) presented the following recommendations, which were adopted.

(1.) The Committee recommend that the accounts of the International Missionary Council for 1923 and of the International Review of Missions for the years 1923 and 1924, which have been duly audited, be received and approved.

(2.) That the provisional account of the Council for the year 1924, be received.

(3.) That, as suggested by the advisory business committee of the International Review, the Council give special consideration to the charges against the Review in respect of rent and salaries; and further,

a. That the Council retain the principle of a subsidy, which would be difficult, if once abolished, to reintroduce into the budget of the Council in case of necessity.

b. The sub-committee on finance are of the opinion that by requiring the business committee of the Review to meet rent and reasonable editorial salary charges the responsibility is placed on the right shoulders for securing that every economy is effected in administration. The sub-committee draw the attention of the Council to the increasing revenue from advertisements and to the renewal of a large order for copies of the Review for missionaries in the field which was cancelled last year, and which suggests the probability of a decreasing annual loss.

c. That the Review be charged with a fixed annual rent, including cleaning, lighting and care, to the amount of £100.

d. That the Review be debited only with the equivalent of one editorial salary and salary of a typist. In order to give effect to this recommendation, £300 each year of editorial salaries in the next two years should be debited against the International Missionary Council in respect to research work.

(4.) With reference to the budget for 1925 drawn up by the meeting of the Council at Oxford that power be given to the Chairman and Treasurer to make appropriations, whether they exceed individual items in the budget or not so long as the total appropriations do not exceed the gross amount of the budget.

(5.) That salaries of all members of the staff of the Council and the International Review of Missions be fixed and reviewed at regular intervals by the finance committees of the national organizations in the United States and Great Britain respectively.

(6.) That the whole expense of the present meeting of the Committee of the Council be charged against the accounts for 1925; any sum beyond the amount budgetted being met out of balances in hand at the end of the last financial year. Further, that representatives of the British Conference be each voted a sum of £50 toward ocean travel attending the meeting; that representatives of the Continent be paid second-class return ocean fare, and that the expenses of the representative of the European Northern Council be met in full.

28. **Budgets.** The Treasurer, Mr. Speers, presented the following budgets for the International Missionary Council for the years 1926 and 1927, which had been prepared by the Finance Committee.

I.	Administration Expenses:	
	1. Salaries—	
	a. Secretaries and Assistants	£2,250
	b. Stenographers	720
	c. Share of Business Office	150
	2. Rent, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting and Heating	665
	3. Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc.	350
II.	Travelling Expenses:	
	a. Secretary's Travel	610
	b. Committee Meeting	500
III.	Expenses of Chairman's Office in New York	300
IV.	Printing:	
	Minutes and Sundries	25
	"Quarterly Notes"	50
	International Review of Missions (Subsidy)	200
	Contingencies	80
	Total	£5,900

The report was adopted.

Twelfth Session, January 15th, 9.30 a. m.—12 m.

The session was opened with a devotional period led by the Chairman, and with prayer led by Dr. Forgan.

The members present were all those previously named, with the exception of Dr. Chamberlain and Dr. North, who had been excused because unavoidable circumstances compelled them to return to New York.

The report of the drafting committee was presented by Dr. Speer. The report consisted of the following four minutes. After full discussion, in which some amendments were made, these were adopted.

29. **The Present Missionary Situation and International Co-operation.** The Committee gave prolonged and earnest consideration to the missionary situation with which the Church is confronted today. It surveyed some of the outstanding problems with which the missionary enterprise is deeply involved—the problems of religious liberty and of the freedom of missionary preaching and education, of racial relationships within and without the Church, of the independence and spiritual vitality and efficiency of the indigenous churches, of the relation of the great modern student migrations to the missionary movement, of Christian education in Africa and China, of the changed situation in the Moslem world, of the restriction of opium and kindred evils, of the clear affirmation and demonstration of the sufficiency of Christ to meet the needs of the world, and of the fuller discernment by the Church of the true character and applications of the Christian Gospel and her fuller acceptance of her missionary duty.

Adequate response to such a situation can be made, in the judgment of the Committee, only through international co-operation. The Committee gave careful consideration to the question whether the ends of international co-operation can be sufficiently achieved by the desired strengthening of the national organizations and an endeavor on their part to keep in touch with one another, and to co-operate with one another. The Committee unanimously reached the conclusion that for the full expression of international fellowship and co-operation an international organization is indispensable. The services rendered by the Continuation Committee and the International Missionary Council in the past have been large, and the Committee believe that the International Missionary Council, adapted as may from time to time be necessary to the changing conditions of the time, may, under the continued guidance of God, render still larger services in the future.

30. **Meeting of the International Missionary Council.** The Committee recommend:

(1.) That the next meeting of the International Missionary Council be held in late September, or early October, 1927.

(2.) That the purpose of the meeting be to consider in humble and prayerful dependence upon God, and in a larger and richer international fellowship, the implications and claims of those questions which, as set forth in Minute 29, have engaged the attention of the Committtee at this meeting, and of other related questions; in order that, through such consideration, the larger will of God for the witness and service of the Church in relation to the whole world may be more clearly discerned and more adequately interpreted to the whole body of Christian people.

(3.) That in view of the importance of the meeting, the national missionary organizations be invited to appoint, besides the members of the International Missionary Council, additional representatives on a basis corresponding generally to three times their present representation on the Council, the details of representation to be worked out more fully by the Committee at its next meeting.

(4.) That with a view to the adequate representation of the mission field and of those specially qualified to advise on subjects that will come before the meeting, provision be made for the Committee of the Council to nominate members not exceeding one-fifth of the whole.

(5.) That the total attendance at the meeting should not exceed four hundred, in order that the meeting may not be too large for deliberative purposes.

(6.) That serious consideration should be given to the possibility of holding the meeting of the Council in 1927 at Jerusalem.

(7.) That it be made clear to all concerned that the purpose of the meeting is deliberative and that it is intended to have the same character as the ordinary meetings of the International Missionary Council, the increase of numbers on this occasion being recommended in order to make possible the contribution of a wider and richer variety of experience to the study of the subjects under consideration.

(8.) That in the event of the presence at the Council of any individual representatives from the mission field being deemed desirable in view of his special knowledge of one of the subjects to be discussed, the officers of the Council be authorized to consult with the Board or national organization concerned regarding the possibility of his attendance.

(9.) That a meeting of the Committee of the Council be held to make the necessary preparations in July, 1926, and that the Committee be authorized to invite to this meeting as consultative members four representatives of churches on the field.

31. **Conferences on Special Subjects.** The Committee are of the opinion that experience has shown that there is room and need for larger variety and greater flexibility in the means by which international fellowship and co-operation find expression; and that general meetings of the International Missionary Council may with great advantage be supplemented by international conferences having a strictly limited purpose and dealing with a particular subject. At conferences of this nature a larger amount of time is available for the thorough examination of the subject in hand, and it is possible to ensure the presence of those specially qualified to deal with that subject. The holding of such special conferences will have the further advantage of giving to a larger number of people the enrichment of thought and enlargement of outlook which come from contact with those belonging to other nations.

The Committee authorizes its officers to consult with the national organizations concerned regarding the advisability of special conferences to consider African Education and Christian Education in China, and in the event of their approving of the holding of such conferences to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with such national bodies.

32. **Call to Dr. Mott.** While recognizing that God may have many ways of dealing with the issues of vital concern to the missionary movement which came under its consideration, there was given to the Committee a deep and solemn sense of the services which might be rendered by the International Missionary Council if the living forces at its disposal could be increased. The Committee reached the unani-

mous conviction that it would greatly strengthen the service of the Council in its field of international missionary relations if Dr. John R. Mott would give his entire time to this work, and recorded its hope and desire that he consent to make this arrangement at the earliest possible date, it being also the Committee's thought that in such service Dr. Mott might find a large and fruitful opportunity for the investment of his rich experience and trained powers.

The Committee requested Dr. Mott to give careful consideration to this conviction and desire, and to present to the Committee before adjournment his own views and suggestions in response to this resolution.

Dr. Mott indicated, that while deeply sensible of the importance of the opportunity thus presented and of the confidence implied in the invitation, he was unable, owing to the commitments already made, to respond at this time to the request. He stated that in the year 1926 he might, if desired, be able to devote seven or eight months to the work of the Council, including visits to Australia, New Zealand, and the Netherlands Indies, and possibly meetings with a number of the National Councils.

33. **Meeting Place and Date of Committee.** Mr. Lundahl extended a very cordial invitation to the Committee to hold its next meeting in Rattvik, Sweden. Baron van Boetzelaer also extended an invitation to hold the next meeting in Holland. The Committee agreed to accept with sincere thanks the invitation to hold the meeting in 1926 in Sweden.

For the date of the meeting, the latter half of July, 1926, was agreed upon.

34. **Conference in Stockholm, 1925.** Reference was made to the Universal Conference on the Life and Work of the Church to be held in Stockholm in August, 1925, and the officers were instructed to take steps to ensure, if possible, that some member of the Council intimately familiar with its work should be present at that Conference.

35. **Missions in Eritrea.** Mr. Oldham reported on the difficulties experienced by the missions in Eritrea. It was agreed to suggest to the Swedish Missionary Council that they should consider the advisability of bringing the situation to the attention of the League of Nations.

36. **New York Office.** The Committee agreed to authorize the opening of an office of the Council in New York City, in order that the American missionary forces might be enabled to relate themselves more closely to the European forces, and to take part more efficiently in all efforts in which the forces on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean should co-operate.

37. **Secretarial Staff.** Mr. Oldham reported that Miss Marion J. Hunter, who had given most valuable assistance to the Council in an honorary capacity, had found it necessary to give up this work. The Committee agreed to record in its minutes this acknowledgement of Miss Hunter's services, especially those that concerned the relations of missions with governments, and to instruct the secretaries to send her a letter of grateful appreciation.

Mr. Oldham referred also to the increasingly valuable assistance given by Miss Gibson, and the Committee agreed to refer with power to the British members of the Committee with the officers the suggestion that Miss Gibson be given the status of an assistant secretary.

38. **Minutes.** The Committee appointed Dr. Speer and Mr. Maclennan with the officers as a sub-committee to pass the minutes of this meeting.

39. **Missionary Comity.** Dr. Forgan and Dr. Speer presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

That the Committee request the officers to enter into consultation with the National Missionary Organizations with reference to the desirability of securing as full a recognition as possible of the principles of Missionary Comity on the part of all the Boards represented in the International Missionary Council, especially with a view to the due apportioning of unfulfilled missionary responsibilities.

40. **National Christian Councils.** Brief reference was made to the work of the National Christian Councils in India, China and Japan, and to the increasing measure of support given to them by the Mission Boards, which is evidence of the growing confidence in them among the missionary forces in Europe and America as well as on these mission fields.

41. **Development of Co-operation.** The desire was expressed that some qualified person might be found who would make a study of the development of international missionary co-operation from the beginning, and this was referred to the officers for further consideration.

42. **Adjournment.** After a period of intercession led by Mr. Oldham the Committee adjourned.

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